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1. DESPITE FACT UNIVERSITY FINALS BEGAN THIS WEEK, 35
FACULTY MEMBERS AND SENIOR STUDENTS ATTENDED BOTH OF
DR. FONER'S LECTURES ON BLACK AMERICAN HISTORY. HIS
LECTURES WERE EXCELLENT PRESENTATIONS WITH AMPLE
MIX OF SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTERTAINMENT.

2. FACT THAT AUDIENCE, DURING EXAM PERIOD, DID ATTEND
TWO CONSECUTIVE EVENINGS IS TRIBUTE TO BOTH FONER AND
GREAT SUDANESE INTEREST IN BLACK AMERICAN HISTORY.
MAJORITY OF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS WERE DIRECTED TOWARD
PRESENT STATUS BLACK AMERICANS. FONER'S CRITICAL, BUT
CONCERNED VIEW OF AMERICAN SOCIETY TODAY EASILY DISSIPATED
ANY HOSTILITY. BY MAKING CLEAR DURING QUESTION
SESSIONS US PAID FOR HIS TRIP, BUT DID NOT
MUZZLE HIS VIEWS, HE ALSO CONVINCED MOST
AUDIENCE MEMBERS OF AMERICAN OPENNESS AND
CONCERN IN SUCH AREAS.
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